requirement in Delhi the energy shortage increased to 3.1% during the first fortnight of July, 2002.

Power stations under construction in Delhi and U.P.

† 1573. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power stations under construction in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi for the last three years; and

(b) by when each of the stations is likely to be completed together with the total amount likely to be incurred on the said power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) and (b) The details of thermal power projects which are under construction during the last three years in U.P. and Delhi are given as under:

Name of the	Capacity	Actual/Exp. Date Commissioning	Estimated/appro cost
Rihand STPS St. Unit3&4(NTPC)-	2x500 MW	U-3—August, U-4—May, 2006	Rs. 4049.50
Pragati CCPP GT U-1 *&2* + ST	GT-+ST-121.18MW	GT-I—on -15.3.2002 GT-II—November/ December, 2002 ST-December,	Rs. 1077.30 crore

New Rules for State Electricity Regulatory Commissions

1574. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in the process of making new rules for State Electricity Regulatory Commissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the new rules are likely to be promulgated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Electricity Regulatory,

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Commissions Act, 1998 has enabled the States to constitute their State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. Rules regarding State Electricity Regulatory Commissions are framed by respective State Governments under Section 57 of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998.

Alternative Sources of Energy by Domestic Sector

1575. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a joint effort with the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources for harnessing and utilizing alternative sources of energy by domestic sector and sparing huge amount of energy for other purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) There is a Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) to enable close coordination amongst the electricity reflated Departments/Ministries and the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources is represented on this Committee. One of the tasks of the Committee is to take a coordinated view on generation of electricity from all sources.

Status of agreement signed between U.P. Government and Duncans North Hydro Power Company

† 1576. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1892 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the position of agreement with regard to Shrinagar Power project reached with Duncans North Hydro Power Company; and

(b) the provision of penalizing the said company for not completing the work after expiry of time limit as per the agreement, if so, whether any action has been taken against the said company and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) With the formation of the

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